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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE EUROPE -- EVALUATION OF BULGARIAN PROGRAMS

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1. REF AIRGRAM SAID, INTER ALIA, "IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE AND IMPROVE THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING SAMPLE (RFE) SCRIPTS MADE AVAILABLE TO POSTS BY THE CONSULATE GENERAL AT MUNICH, OF MONITORING LIVE BROADCASTS, AND OF SUBMITTING COMMENTS..."

2. AT THIS SMALL POST, WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE HORSES TO CAPTURE RFE FROM THE AIRWAVES AND SUBMIT IT TO THE THOUGHTFUL AND DISPASSIONATE ANALYSIS OF "TONE AND CONTENT" THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND BIB OBVIOUSLY DESIRE.

3. IT IS REGRETTABLE, THEREFORE, THAT SINCE AUGUST 1975 WE HAVE NO LONGER RECEIVED ANY RFE SAMPLE SCRIPTS FROM
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MUNICH OR ANYWHERE ELSE. WHAT WE NOW GET ARE "DAILY BROADCAST ANALYSES" WHICH DO NOT PERMIT ANY SERIOUS

ANALYSIS ESPECIALLY OF "TONE" AND PARTICULARLY OF THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH WE HAD QUESTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

4. THE ELEMENTS WE HAD QUESTIONED (IN OFFICIAL-INFORMAL LETTERS) REFERRED TO MATTERS OF DOUBTFUL TASTE, COMMENTATORS SPEAKING AS IF THEY WERE BROADCASTING FROM INSIDE BULGARIA OR AS AN OPPOSITION IN EXILE, AND PARTICULAR ARGUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. SUCH ASPECTS WOULD NOT APPEAR FROM THE BLOODLESS "ANALYSES" WHICH ARE REALLY ONLY BRIEF SUMMARIES.

5. REQUEST REINSTATEMENT OF SYSTEM OF SENDING SAMPLE SCRIPTS; AND TO BEGIN WITH WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THOSE OF PERIOD JANUARY 25 TO 30 AND FEBRUARY 15 TO 20.
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